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Group Art Unit: 3621

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: Aida et al. :
: Application No.: 10/699,984 : Group Art Unit: 3621
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: Filed: November 3, 2003 : Examiner: C. C. Johns
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: For: SOFTWARE PROVIDING SYSTEM, :
: SOFTWARE PROVIDING APPARATUS AND :
: METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM, AND :
: PROGRAM :

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2009, finally rejecting claims 1 and 6, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: